

**MINUTES
PRAYER AND WORSHIP
Jan. 13, 2009**

Present: Gayle Bosch, Ruth Gassner, Evie Mather, Diane Vollmer, Kathy Ritger, Fr. Tom, Tammy Loos

Old Business:

Evie completed the Day of Prayer letter which is to be sent with the January mailing. The ladies taking care of the mailing will be doing the envelope stuffing this Friday.

Both of the churches were very nicely decorated for Christmas. Thanks to the decorators.

New Business:

Ash Wednesday is February 25th. This year we will have 3 Soup, Talks and Vespers nights. Kathy has gotten Fr. Jim White to do talks on Adult Spirituality at each of the 3 scheduled Tuesdays—March 3, March 17 and April 7. Committee members have again volunteered to make soups for the 3 evenings.

Schedule:

St. Mary's—March 3	Fr. Tom, Evie M., Diane V., Kathy R.
St. Andrew's—Mar. 17	Tammy Loos, Ruth Gassner, maybe Mary Hoffman and Mary Wondra?
St. Mary's—Apr. 7	Fr. Tom, Evie M., Diane V., Gayle B.

Kathy has no report from Parish Council for Dec.

Pastor's Report:

Countywide communal reconciliation will take place on March 31st at St. Catherine Drexel Parish in Beaver Dam.

Fr. will be looking into a speaker for a Day of Reflection for Parish ministers. It will possibly be held during Lent.

Other Business:

Music—Gayle questioned if there was a possibility that if anyone was interested in participating in the youth choir at the archdiocese level, could it be funded by parish. Kathy did mention that every summer there is a Praise Camp at the Tyme Out Center in Nashotah for any students interested in liturgical music. Discussion followed about kids involved in the music program as part of their service hours for Confirmation, and how to avoid all other commitments they might have in their schedules.

Kathy asked for help and suggested this committee complete a job description for Ushers at our next meeting. We need to set a date to meet with the ushers. Do we want them to be greeters/welcomers also? How are they expected to be dressed? Bring ideas to next meeting.

Next meeting — Feb. 10, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's. Gayle will be gone, so she's asking that Mary Wondra chair the meeting.

Goals:

1. Encourage Prayer & Worship members to attend workshops offered by Archdiocese, LARCSWORC and others that will help us to understand liturgy and effectively plan for the seasons.
2. Environment – continue to work on this to make worship space welcoming and enhance worship experience.
3. Music – continue to develop this ministry
4. Youth – look for ways to include youth in liturgy
5. Commissioning of Ministers